

2025 - 2026

Determination of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Student Name: _____

UIN: _____

The 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stipulates that a student may be considered independent for financial aid purposes if they have received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2024 that they were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless.

Section I: (To be completed by the student)

A student is *homeless* when lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing or *at risk of being homeless* when housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate. For example: a student who is being evicted and has been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Based on the definition of *homeless* or *at risk of being homeless*, would you be homeless if you were unable to live as you are currently living? ☐ YES ☐ NO

A student is *self-supporting* when they pay for their own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Are you *self-supporting*? ☐ YES ☐ NO

A student is *unaccompanied* if they are not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Are you *unaccompanied*? ☐ YES ☐ NO

What is your current living situation?

- ☐ Off-campus apartment
- ☐ On-Campus / Dorm
- ☐ With family
- ☐ With friends
- ☐ Other: (Please describe)

I certify this information is true and accurately reflects my current circumstances.

Student Signature_____
Date

Additional documentation and/or an appointment with the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid may be required for students who are unable to have Section II completed of this form to make a determination on dependency status and aid eligibility.

Section II: (The student cannot complete this section and is only for initial determinations at Texas A&M University)

This letter is to confirm that _____ was:
(Student Name)

(Please check one)

- ☐ An unaccompanied homeless youth **after July 1, 2024**
- This means that, after July 1, 2024, the above named student was living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- ☐ An unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness **after July 1, 2024**
- This means that, after July 1, 2024, the above named student was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, provides for his/her own living expenses entirely on his/her own, and is at risk of losing his/her housing.

I am providing this letter of verification as a:

(Please check one)

- ☐ A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- ☐ A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter
- ☐ A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter
- ☐ A director or designee of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program
- ☐ A Financial Aid Administrator at an institution that is not Texas A&M University who has documented the student's circumstance in the same or prior award year

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84) I am authorized to verify this student's living situation. No further verification by the Financial Aid Administrator is necessary.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Organization/University Affiliation: _____

Comments:
